

Local P-16 Councils Request for Proposals

I. BACKGROUND

The Council on Postsecondary Education, on behalf of the State P-16 Council, invites the leadership of public and independent colleges and universities, school districts, and civic organizations, to submit proposals to form new local P-16 (pre-kindergarten through baccalaureate) councils or to extend the work of existing local councils.

Guided by educational, community, business, and labor leaders, local councils will aid the Council on Postsecondary Education in attaining its *2020 Vision* goal of “an integrated system of elementary and secondary schools and providers of postsecondary education, committed to meeting the need of students and the Commonwealth.”

II. PROGRAM GUIDELINES

A. Eligible Applicants

Leaders of educational institutions (such as chief academic officers of Kentucky’s two- and four-year public and private institutions, superintendents of school districts, and principals of schools), as well as local civic, business, and labor leaders, are invited to apply for funding to initiate or extend a local P-16 agenda.

B. Activity Requirements

Proposals will identify a plan of organization for a local or regional P-16 structure and for specific projects aimed at improving student achievement.

1. Organization

Specific council composition and leadership roles will be determined by local circumstances. Advisory guidelines for local P-16 councils provided by The Education Trust, Inc. are included with this RFP.

- Local P-16 councils should include representation from P-12 schools, two- and four-year postsecondary institutions, and community members, including parents, labor, and employers.
- Local councils may be initiated by any of the stakeholders in our education system.
- “P-16” should be understood to include early childhood through adult life-long learning.
- Local P-16 councils may vary in geographical breadth as determined by local needs.

2. Agenda

Projects leading to, or growing out of, the local council might include the following:

- Review and analysis of data on student achievement or teacher assets and needs.
- Formation of groups of P-12 teachers and postsecondary faculty by discipline to identify what students need to know and be able to do to be college-ready.
- Publication of high school graduation competencies that are consistent with postsecondary placement standards.
- Development of middle and high school curricula that provide students skills meeting college and workplace competency requirements.
- Development of transfer agreements between P-12 and postsecondary systems that assist both at-risk and accelerated students.

Existing local or regional councils may apply for support for advancing current projects or initiating new ones.

3. Strategic planning

Proposals should provide a timeframe and strategies for maintaining local councils for the long term.

4. Evaluation

All proposals should state specific criteria for evaluating the success of the work undertaken.

All grantees will provide a progress report on the work funded by the grant no later than June 30, 2002.

III. PROPOSAL FORMAT

The proposal must adhere to the following format:

- Brief proposal narrative (not to exceed 10 double-spaced pages)
- Timeline
- Budget
- Assessment plan
- Composition of local P-16 council
- Documents verifying the commitment of local council members

IV. PROPOSAL REVIEW PROCESS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

All proposals will be reviewed and rated by panels established by the Council on Postsecondary Education in consultation with the Kentucky Department of Education or the Education Professional Standards Board. The following evaluation criteria will be used to rate the proposals.

- Proposal format is well written, easily understood, concise, well conceived, and focused on improving student learning and achievement.
- Proposal for local P-16 council includes representatives from all key stakeholders in the P-16 education system.
- Proposal includes a plan for long-term sustainability of P-16 cooperation.
- Proposal contains a timeline that is appropriate and reasonable for pursuing the proposed and future P-16 efforts.
- Proposal contains evidence of institutional commitment on the part of all key components of the P-16 system, including the appropriate allocation of resources and staff time to sustain a local P-16 council beyond the period initiated by the seed-funding.

V. FUNDING, SUBMISSION, REVIEW PROCESS, AND DEADLINES

- Grants will not exceed \$10,000.
- Proposals will be reviewed through March 31, 2002 by the staff of the Council on Postsecondary Education, the Department of Education, and the Education Professional Standards Board.
- Applicants must submit five (5) complete, typed copies of the proposal stapled in the upper left corner.
- Submit proposals to:
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